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## New Organ Given In Memory Of Mr. Fry To Seminary Chapel

A new organ costing some \$12,000 has been given to the Northfield Schools and will be placed in Sage Chapel on the Seminary Campus. It will be a three manual pipe organ and the contract has been awarded to



THE LATE W. W. FRY

the Estey Organ Corporation of Brattleboro.

The instrument is a gift of Mrs. Wilfred W. Fry of Philadelphia in memory of her late husband, former chairman of the board of trustees of the Northfield Schools, who died last summer. He attended Mt. Hermon school in his youth, and presented that school with the Estey organ installed in the chapel in 1926. At the time of his death he was head of the N. W. Ayer advertising firm. He was an honorary associate of the American Guild of Organists.

The new instrument for Sage chapel will have 49 stops obtained from 34 ranks of pipes; the total number of pipes will be 2443. In addition to a modern ensemble of organ tones a number of orchestral voices and chimes will be included. Its console will be of the drawknob type, equipped with all modern mechanical accessories.

An old Hook & Hastings organ now in the chapel will be removed with the exception of a row of dummy pipes across the front forming the case. The new organ will be placed in the same chambers enlarged at the front of the building. The console will be partly sunk in the floor in front of the pews. The building seats around 750.

Prof. M. L. Gallagher, head of the music department; Miss Marian Keller, organist of the Seminary; Carleton L'Hommiedieu, organist at Mt. Hermon; and Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Seminary, negotiated with the Estey company, which designed the organ.

Installation is planned for July in order to have the instrument available for part of the summer conferences. During the school year it will be used daily for chapel services and for students' practice.

## Goes To New York

After spending ten days with his family at "Green Pastures," Edward M. Powell left last Sunday for New York where he has accepted a position with Castle Films, producers, distributors, and exhibitors of business motion pictures. There he will be active in the development of motion pictures as an interpretive and educational factor in public relations work. The main offices of this organization are in the RCA building, Rockefeller Center. Mr. Powell resigned recently from N. W. Ayer & Son, where he organized and for the past 18 years has directed the publicity department. In that time the Ayer publicity service grew to include the activities of more than 75 persons.

Mrs. Powell and the children expect to remain in Northfield throughout the summer. Mr. Powell will be living temporarily at the Williams club in New York.

## Fell From Pole

Monday afternoon while working on an electric light pole at South Vernon near the Boston & Maine railroad station, Harry James, our local representative of the Western Mass. Electric company, slipped and fell to the ground. He was badly bruised and received some cuts and was taken to his home for attention and rest. It was a fortunate escape from more serious consequences. Although feeling pretty sore he is making a rapid recovery.

## The Annual Appeal Of Salvation Army Made Through Mail

The annual appeal for funds for the Salvation Army is made in Northfield and this week the letters for contributions to the fund have gone out in the mails. This effort will be supplemented by a local canvass made by a member of the Salvation Army staff in possession of letters of authority.

The committee in Northfield is composed of the following persons: Ross L. Spencer, chairman; William F. Hoehn, treasurer; W. A. Barr, Merwin D. Birdsall, George W. Carr, Rev. W. W. Coe, Rev. Mary Andrews Conner, Dr. F. Wilton Dean, Grove W. Deming, Nelson A. Jackson, H. F.



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Millard, A. Gordon Moody, David R. Porter, Lawrence D. Quinlan, Samuel E. Walker, Rev. Lester P. White, Miss Mira B. Wilson, Mrs. N. P. Wood.

The quota fixed for Northfield is \$250. Of the monies received 80 per cent goes to the work of the Army national in scope and the remainder is retained for use in the Northfield territory for the expenditure of food, clothing and personal assistance to the deserving.

The campaign of the Army was curtailed by the flood conditions here during the campaign of last year in March but their representative remained on the field willing to render aid when called upon to do so. At that time and since several local persons have been given needed and valuable assistance.

The work of the Army is a humanitarian one providing social salvage, institutional aid, rehabilitation and emergency relief. In dealing with poor unfortunate the Salvation Army reaches out with a friendly touch that may be all that is necessary to put a man or a woman back on their feet, with courage and self-reliance restored.

The Salvation Army believes that religion provides the only fundamental and lasting solution to the problems of human misery and sin. But having found early in its history that it is impossible to feed a man's soul if his body is starving, its various social service activities naturally developed. The aid that it extends to the submerged thousands in our cities is personalized through devotion to a cause beyond mundane affairs, and gives Salvation Army relief work a status that is unique both in character and effectiveness. A prompt return answer to those receiving the letter is hoped for.

## Geodetic Surveyors May Camp At Warwick

The transient camp at Warwick which has been closed for some time and in charge of caretakers, may soon be re-opened and put in readiness for the housing of a company of U. S. geodetic surveyors according to information which has come to us. Their number has been placed from 25 to 50 and they will begin their work shortly after arrival. Landmarks and locations are made from the summit of Mount Grace and a 90-foot portable tower will be placed upon its summit. In the re-allocation of CCC camps the two camps known as Warwick and Northfield will remain and Warwick will continue to entertain its numbers of young men.

The Northfield Conference had their beginning in 1876 when Moody invited his neighbors to Bible readings in his own home.

## Plane Lands Safely In A N. H. Field; Quinlan Was Pilot

Our genial postmaster, Lawrence D. Quinlan took to the air last Sunday to fly a plane to Concord, N. H. Accompanying was another plane piloted by B. R. Duke of Greenfield. With Quinlan was William Rosneisel also of Greenfield. They left Turner's Falls and headed for the Keene airport from where they proceeded to Concord. In the meantime the sky became heavy with clouds and mist and fog prevailed, so that the earth locations could not be seen and they passed on beyond their destination to Franklin. Here appeared an opportunity to land and Quinlan came down on a field of the Kelly farm near the Mojaloka country club, but the speed of the plane drove it across the field and it nosed in a ditch. Quinlan was stunned but not injured and Dr. J. B. Woodman who was promptly called found that he had only sustained slight bruises. Duke observing his landing came down safely on another nearby farm field of Councilman Harold Reiter. The propeller and



LAWRENCE D. QUINLAN

one wheel of Quinlan's plane was damaged. Duke in his plane flew back to Concord after arranging for the care of the damaged plane with Quinlan and Rosneisel and later returned to Turner's Falls. Quinlan came on to his home here and after a good night's rest was on the job at the post office Monday morning. Boston papers carried quite a story of the event and Larry's friends are congratulating him on his fortunate escape.

## Girl Scout Rally Was Enthusiastic

The Girl Scout rally held in the town hall Wednesday evening of last week was an enthusiastic affair and when the gathering was called to order the hall was well filled with members of the Girl Scouts and their friends. Dr. Margaret C. Lewis, assistant state commissioner was the speaker and she gave a most enlightening talk upon the organization of Girl Scouts, their accomplishments and their work. She congratulated Northfield upon the efficiency of the present committee having in charge the local administration.

Second class badges were awarded by Dr. Lewis to Miriam Hunt, Beverly Brismaster, Polly Spencer, Ellen Giebel, Janet Kehl, Lillian Dawe, Helen Savchiff, Mary Bolton, Eleanor Barnes, Marie Young, Genevieve Wozniak, Shirley Severance, and Winifred Brown. First class badges were awarded to Beverly Potts and Betty Kehl. Jean Murphy of Troop II was invested as a tenderfoot by her leader, Capt. Potts, and Capt. Thompson of Troop I invested Barbara Hunt, Dr. Lewis awarded proficiency badges to Betty Kehl, Miriam Hunt, Beverly Potts, Polly Spencer, Janet Kehl, Helen Savchiff, Lillian Dawe, and Genevieve Wozniak.

Two one-act plays were presented by the scouts which exemplified their ability of doing the things which every scout is expected to be able to accomplish.

Signaling by Beverly Potts, Betty Kehl, Mary Bolton and Genevieve Wozniak relayed the message that Northfield Girl Scouts were celebrating the 25th anniversary of scouting. Song and folk-dancing completed the program.

Much credit goes to Lieut. Priscilla Abbott who so efficiently coached the plays.

## The Scout Campaign Is In Full Swing; Support Is Given

The Boy Scout campaign for funds for the Franklin-Hampshire council to carry forward its program for the next two years and provide for the purchase of the new camp is going on here as well as in every other locality in the counties. Nearly 600 workers are enrolled to assist in the campaign for funds and it is hoped that the entire sum needed of \$16,100 will be raised before the closing meeting and dinner at Draper hall on the campus of the Mass. State College at Amherst on Tuesday evening next.

The campaign was launched with an enthusiastic gathering of representatives from all five districts of the council area at the community hall of Holy Trinity school, Greenfield on the night of April 2. President Hugh P. Baker of Mass. State College presided and expressed himself as certain that the army of Scouting enthusiasts would bring this scouting project to a successful conclusion. He stressed that as he always has been greatly interested in the conservation of soil and minerals he is even more greatly interested in conserving youth so as to develop loyalty to family, church, state and nation.

Harold M. Gore, council president, discussed the new 150-acre camp that is now being developed near Chesterfield. He urged liberal support during the present campaign because of the necessity to provide a place where "any group of Scouts can now use their own camp at any time." He said Hampshire-Franklin council now has a place to hang up its camp hat.

Bernard A. O'Donnell of South Deerfield, visitor for the boys' parole branch of the Mass. training schools, declared that Scouting is the answer to the question: "Our youth and what to do with them." He declared his belief that Scouting, if it had been offered to all boys who are enrolled in the state training schools, could have saved six-sevenths of them from becoming delinquents. He appealed to all friends of youth to prevent any boy saying, "I never had a chance."

Dr. A. H. Wright who is chairman for Northfield reports that the quota for Northfield will be realized and that the members of the local committee are now making their solicitations. The amount secured and reported Wednesday morning was \$90.

## INTERESTING ITEMS

The committee in charge of the Ellen Lambert Murphy Memorial Community building in Winchester have selected Raphael Pitcher of the firm of French and French of Boston as architect for the new edifice. He starts at once to prepare designs for the consideration by the committee.

The forty-sixth Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet in Continental hall, Washington, on Monday, April 19. Headquarters of the Massachusetts delegation will be at the Hotel Washington and the state meeting and banquet will be on Sunday, April 18th.

Rufus Woods, publisher and editor of the Wenatchee Daily World who has consistently refused the advertising of liquor in his paper at a large financial loss has had his position commended by representatives of the community who have presented him with a plaque, a full page for the publication of the testimonial and a co-operative effort extended to increase the circulation of his paper. That's appreciation.

Recitation hall at Mount Hermon was dedicated in 1885. Its erection was financed by the royalties from the Gospel Hymns of Mr. Moody and his collaborator, Mr. Ira D. Sankey.

The North Farmhouse was the first building of Mount Hermon school. Mary Lizzie Hammond was the first teacher and Willie Tonkin the first pupil.

A tablet on the wall in Room 18 of the Recitation hall at Mt. Hermon states that "in this room in the month of July, 1886, the Student Volunteer Movement had its origin and one hundred young men signed their willingness to become foreign missionaries."

## The District School Officials, Teachers Dine Here Monday

Next Monday evening the members of the various school committees, the teachers of all schools and other school officials of this district will meet at the Northfield hotel for the annual meeting and dinner which will probably be attended by nearly 100 persons. Supt. L. W. Robbins will welcome the delegations to Northfield.

The meeting, presided over by Henry E. Newton of Bernardston, who is president, will do honor to a teacher in this district who for fifty years has continuously taught in the schools. She is Miss Aimee D. Whithead of Bernardston, and will be present at the meeting. The time of the dinner is 6:30 p. m. The address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. H. F. Randolph, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist church, Greenfield.

## Given A Greeting By Many Friends On Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Whitmore were married fifty-three years ago, and on Tuesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Warren Whitman of Highland avenue gave them a reception at their home in honor of the event. A recitation of the affair should have appeared in our last issue but became overlooked in the column assignment. The Press now joins in wishing them continued good health and many more anniversaries. The couple received the greetings of friends who were guests of the Whitman's, many cards and letters were sent. Mrs. Whitmore received a wedding cake. An evening was spent with much sociability and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore were married in Richmond, Vt., and came to Northfield about thirty years ago. For several years she operated the Green Gate tearoom but gave it up when Mr. Whitmore retired from business a few years ago. They are both much interested in the activities of the community and have a host of friends, all of whom unite in the tokens of goodwill and esteem.

## "The Great Waltz" Opens In Opera House At Boston

After a record-breaking 27,000 mile coast-to-coast tour, Max Gordon's four-star musical play from the Center Theatre, Radio City, in Rockefeller Center, New York, returns to the Boston Opera House, on Monday, April 12, for two weeks. The engagement positively ends Saturday evening, April 24, and there will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. This history making tour began in Boston over a year ago when "The Great Waltz" scored the greatest hit the theatre has ever known. For three and a half weeks the huge musical play packed the Opera House. Because of previous bookings an extension was impossible. The return is due to public request and the large capacity permits popular prices with seats one-third less than they were during the original run.

Max Gordon, who has produced *The Women, Pride and Prejudice, Dodsworth, Roberta, The Band Wagon* and many other of the stage's greatest successes presents *The Great Waltz*. Hasard Short conceived and directed the production, which undoubtedly is his crowning achievement. Moss Hart wrote the book, and Albertina Rasch directed the dances, including the notable ballet which opens the second act.

The music of *The Great Waltz* is by Johann Strauss, Sr. and Jr., and effectively uses the most famous waltz in the history of musical composition "On the Beautiful Blue Danube" for the gorgeous finale of the musical play. This is said to be the most beautiful scene ever presented on any stage.

The brilliant company and mammoth production is the same as was seen at the Boston Opera House a year ago and which caused the Boston dramatic critics to brand *The Great Waltz* a really sensational success. Guy Robertson continues in the role of Johann Strauss, Jr., Charles Romano is still the Johann Strauss, Sr., and Lee Whitney will again be seen as Reel, the sweetheart of young Strauss. Others of the local favorites to

## Moody's Service; Praised By Roberts In Springfield

The work and service of D. L. Moody were praised last Tuesday at the Springfield college by Albert E. Roberts, executive secretary of the Northfield Schools at the Centenary celebration of the birth of the evangelist.

Except for the education received in the Northfield public



ALBERT E. ROBERTS

schools, the evangelist had no formal instruction, Mr. Roberts said. Yet his passion to give boys and girls of limited means an education was one of Moody's outstanding traits. His son, Dr. Paul Moody, president of Middlebury college, was quoted as stating that his father "made a greater contribution to future generations as an educator than as an evangelist."

The speaker also traced the career of Moody from his birth in Northfield to his acceptance of the first presidency of the YMCA in Chicago.

Starting with nothing but his hopes, Moody organized the Northfield Seminary for girls in 1879, and the Mount Hermon school for boys in 1881. The combined preparatory institutions in the world, having an enrollment of 1200 and a faculty of 150 teachers.

## Mary Stickney Rice

Mrs. Mary Stickney Rice died at Washington, D. C. Wednesday, March 31 after a long illness. Though she had lived in Washington for the last fifteen years, she kept her legal residence at 186 Main street, East Northfield. Mrs. Rice was 77 years of age, the daughter of Francis H. Stickney who for more than 40 years was disbursing clerk of the Navy department. She was the widow of A. Mellon Rice a veteran of the Civil War who after-ward was engaged in business in Boston until his death in 1904. Mrs. Rice was a member of the Baptist church and active in its social and missionary work.

Surviving are a son, Paul Stickney Rice of Rochester, N. Y., two sisters, Miss Katherine Stickney and Miss Rosamond Stickney, and two brothers, Frank L. Stickney and Bryan H. Stickney, all of Washington. The funeral was held from her home in Washington and burial was private. Although making her home with her brothers and sisters, she came frequently to Northfield to be greeted by a host of friends who regret to hear of her passing.

## GO AND TELL

O God—thou, who art mighty  
And art so good and strong;  
We who are weak and weary  
Need your help, all day long.

Jesus said, "say Our Father"  
Which brought thee very near,  
Now we can love and serve thee  
And worship without fear.

We have found the path of glory  
"The straight and narrow way"  
Let us go and tell the story  
To others day by day.

We will tell how God, the Father,  
Loved the world so much He gave—  
And tell how Jesus—our brother,  
Came, suffered, died to save.

And each time we tell the story  
We'll love it more and more;  
It will bring us joy and comfort  
As we near the other shore.  
—Bertha S. Latelle

return with the large company are Vivien Fay, Solly Ward, Sam Mann, Gladys Clark, Ralph Sanford, and Stanley Harrison. Ruth Altman now sings the role of Countess Baranskaja, Royall Patterson of Strauss, Jr., and John Early is the Capt. Poldi, his rival.

## Athletic Association Chooses All Officers Plan For Baseball

A well attended meeting of the Northfield Athletic association was held at the town hall Tuesday evening when plans for the coming summer were considered. It was also the annual meeting for the election of officers and directors. The following were chosen: Dr. A. H. Wright, president; Harland Atwood, vice-president; Henry J. Johnson, secretary-treasurer. Directors: L. A. Polhemus, F. H. Montague, Rollin E. Shearer, Ross Spencer, L. H. Lazelle, Harry Gingras, Myron Dunnell, Philip Porter, Frank Kendrick. A baseball team will be placed in the field and Lyle Amsden was chosen as manager. Twenty-five dollars was raised at the meeting toward initial expenses and a similar amount will be needed in addition before the season starts.

## HERMON ITEMS

Axel B. Forslund, director of physical education has announced the opening of the spring sports season at Mount Hermon school. It is expected from early turn-outs that there will be keen competition in all of the six sports offered this spring. Baseball, track, tennis, golf, fencing, and lacrosse practice began last Friday under the competent leadership of the coaching staff.

For the first time in school history lacrosse will be included in the spring athletic schedule. The advancement of this sport was made possible by a generous gift of \$500 from a member of the Board of Trustees. Another sport, golf, is being introduced for the first time in Hermon's history as a major sport and will be coached by Mr. Daggett of the language department. In connection with this sport a Father and Son tournament has been arranged for Parent's Day, also an innovation at Mt. Hermon.

Coaching baseball will be a veteran, Mr. Henriksen, assisted by Mr. John J. Prior, captain of the Harvard '29 baseball team. Mr. Prior, a new addition to the English department, coached the basketball team last winter. Track will be coached by Messrs. Forslund, Bayley, McVeigh and Baxter, all of whom have coached in former years.

Coaching the weight events will be another new member of the faculty, Mr. Niblock, once captain of the Bowdoin track team. Last week Mr. Niblock broke a two-state record for the ten-pound shot put at the Boston "Y." Tennis will be coached by Messrs. Link, Burdick, Bisson and Covell. Mr. Mangano is at present coaching fencing, however, following the close of that sport after a second meet with Loomis and a meet with the Yale seconds, he will join the tennis staff.

"The Gateway," annual publication of the senior class at Mt. Hermon school, will soon go to press. The editor-in-chief is Charles H. Allen of Haverhill. Allen has been a member of the *Hermone* for two years. George (Scotty) Davidson has been elected business manager a position he has efficiently served for the *Hermone*. Mr. Platt, director of permissions, is the faculty adviser. Other members of the board are Robert Greene, Jr., Kemp Boot, Robert VanPurse, Robert Boardman, Gordon Bennett, Charles Hoelzer, and Russell Carrell.

Mr. Platt, director of permissions, announced last Monday in West hall that social functions with the Seminary would be once more permitted beginning next Saturday. The epidemic of scarlet fever which so long raged over Hermon's campus has been finally obliterated. We owe our thanks to the doctors and nurses who through their hard work and persistence have rid Mt. Hermon of scarlet fever. Mr. Platt added that in all probability there will be a senior party at the Seminary one week from Saturday.

## The Social Club

The Young Peoples' Social club will meet by special invitation in the Seminary gymnasium next Monday evening, April 12 from 7:30 to 10:00. Miss Grace Field, head of the physical education department of the Seminary will be hostess for the evening, and will keep the young people busy with a good time.

Excited Villager: What's the church bell ringing for?  
Sexton: Maybe because I'm pulling this rope.

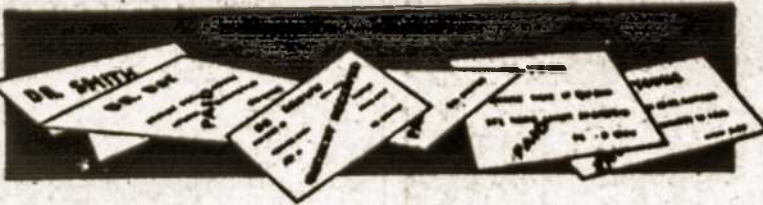


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## LOCAL EVENTS IN NORTHFIELD

### The Fortnightly

Mrs. Allen H. Wright, president of the Fortnightly, entertained the Study group last Friday evening. Mrs. Dana Leavis spoke on "Artists and Architects in Massachusetts." She based her talk around some of the outstanding persons in these professions.

Among the artists she took one portrait painter, John Singleton Copley, who was born in Boston. His most celebrated picture, that of the "Death of Lord Chatham," is now in the national gallery in London. Among the mural painters, Robert Reid was mentioned. Winslow Homer as a painter of seascapes; Whistler as a representative of the etchers. Some of the sculptors were referred to and a little history of the artists' colony at Provincetown given.

Mrs. Leavis spoke of the early colonial architecture, referring to Charles Bulfinch as an example of the classic here. He designed the State House, as is well known. Henry Hobson Richardson who became prominent as the architect of Brattle Street church and who spent six years on Trinity church, both in Boston. Charles F. McKim who was one of the architects of Boston Public Library, and also of the work on the interior of the White House. Her talk was most interesting, and showed careful preparation. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Clarence Steadler, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, Mrs. Reuben Rikert, and Mrs. Donald Williams.

"Staffordshire China," by Mrs. Fred C. Smith of Worcester is the subject listed for the meeting today at three o'clock in Alexander hall. Members may bring some interesting bit of china from their collection. Tea will be served with Mrs. Fred Doolittle, as hostess.

The next meeting of the Study group will be held in the afternoon instead of the evening. The group will meet with Miss Ina Merriman on Friday afternoon, April 16, at 3:30. Mrs. C. C. Conner will speak on "Massachusetts Poets."

### SOUTH VERNON

South Vernon church services Sunday: Morning worship 10:45; church school 12:15; evening worship 7, starting with a praise service. Thursday evening 7:00 at Vernon Home.

The W. H. & F. M. society will hold an entertainment at the Vernon Home Tuesday evening. There will be readings and music. Fancy articles and food will be on sale.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Mitchell after spending the winter at the Vernon Home returned to their home in Old Orchard, Me., last Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Gray and daughter, Nina, visited their daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Tibbetts in Auburn, Me., last week.

At the meeting of the Pond P. T. A. last Thursday evening, following a business session an entertainment was provided. Violin solos by Marvin Johnson accompanied by Mrs. Pauline Streeter; readings by the Misses Julia Cheney, Helen Scherlin, Marjorie and Marion Tyler were enthusiastically received. Games were played and refreshments served.

A card party is scheduled at the Pond school Friday evening the 23rd. There will be prizes and refreshments.

At the West school classes in tap dancing are now being held with a good attendance each week.

Friends and neighbors gave Fred Allen a surprise birthday party last Wednesday evening. All had a social time. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker of Guilford spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson.

Mrs. Arthur Gage of Loudon, N. H. has been visiting her daughter here, Mrs. Merle Jones, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Perry of Halifax, Vt. have moved into the Dunklee cottage on the hill. Mr. Perry is employed at the Dunklee Dairy farm.

The Lotus 4-H girls' club met Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. R. E. Bruce their leader. They enjoyed nature studies and ended up with refreshments.

At a meeting at the South school Tuesday evening, provision was made for the establishment of a dental clinic for the children of the South school. E. W. Dunklee was named chairman of the social committee for May. The evening was spent in appreciating a fine program of entertainment and refreshments were served. Those taking part were Mrs. Alonso Gilbert, R. E. Bruce, Harry Amsden, Miss Elizabeth Stearns.

### LOCALS

According to a deed filed at the Registry in Greenfield, Fanny G. Field, Joseph W. Field, Mary Green, Parker, and Thomas H. Parker, Northfield, Bigelow Green and Paris Green of Boston, Walter Powers, trustee of the estate of Charles Green, also of Boston, have transferred 14.35 acres of land on Brush mountain in Northfield to Olekash Brothers of Westfield.

In last week's game of bowling in the County league, the Northfield team, consisting of Dale, Dunnell, Porter, Browning, Ginnas and Ware, defeated the Ruggs team by a score of 4-0. This puts the local team quite secure in first place.

The bulletin of the First Methodist church, Greenfield, announces a choral concert by a group of singers from the Seminary on Sunday, June 11.

Next Sunday morning the Rev. Harold B. Ingalls will preach in Sage chapel and in the afternoon there will be a program of music with Miss Catherine Colton as pianist.

When the senior class was in Washington they paid their respects to Senator Lodge at his office who greeted them and sent his respects through them to the folks back home. In calling upon Congressman Treadway they found him away from his office but were much pleased when he called at the hotel and personally greeted them at the supper hour.

George C. Martell, formerly with the Robertson Motor Co. of Brattleboro, has succeeded Fred O. Dillbach as lessee of the Reed Filling station on Main street. The change was effective on April 1.

The Gill Parent-Teacher association will meet in the lower room of the Gill town hall on Tuesday evening, April 13, at 7:30. Prof. Stephen Stark of Mt. Hermon will read selections from several books.

The executive committee of the Franklin County Chapter of the American Red Cross met at headquarters in Greenfield Wednesday morning and was attended by William F. Hoehn from Northfield.

The choice of Lyle Amsden as manager of the baseball team meets with general approval and fans are looking forward to a good season. All teams anxious to cross bats with Northfield should write Mr. Amsden.

The Connecticut river is very high and considerable water is flowing. The second channel west of Schell bridge is covered with back water and the new rip rap along the bank is getting its first test.

That summer is approaching can be proven by the disappearance of the toboggan chutes at the Northfield hotel. Mr. Porter, with his crew of employees, have taken it down and stored it for another winter.

Members of the Woman's club of Turners Falls are to meet at the Northfield hotel next Tuesday for a luncheon meeting.

The Mothers' society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Bernard Whitney at her home on Pine street next Wednesday at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. F. W. Dean will speak on "The Young Child." Mrs. Fred Holton leads the devotions.

Contributors to the Press are requested to send in copy and news early each week. DON'T wait until Wednesday as copy may have to be curtailed.

### Large Membership Noted in Churches

Based upon the forthcoming year book of the Congregational church in the state, the fact is revealed that four of the largest memberships of the church, are located in Western Massachusetts. The Second Congregational church of Holyoke holds first place with a membership of 1958, followed by the Chestnut Street church, Worcester, with 1733, then comes the South Congregational church, Springfield, with 1666, and fourth Hope Congregational church, Springfield, with 1568. Other churches on the list of 12 largest and their memberships are:—

Park-street at Boston, 1562; West Newton, 1444; Second at Dorchester, 1424; Harvard at Brookline, 1398; First at Winchester, 1309; Second at Attleboro, 1253; Edwards at Northampton, 1173; and First at Worcester, 1152.

For he past three years these same churches have been in the list of the 12 largest in the state.

### CHURCH SERVICES

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Tuesday at 2:30 the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class will meet with Mrs. Lazelle; leader, Mrs. Giebel. Thursday at 7:30 the weekly prayer service at the vestry, followed by choir rehearsal. The all-day meeting of the Ladies' Sewing society with lunch at noon.

Friday the Evening Auxiliary at 7:30 with Miss Doris Harriett at Hunts Tavern; the leaders are Mrs. Polhemus and Mrs. Foster; the subject, "Race Problems."

#### SOUTH CHURCH REV. MARY ANDREWS CONNER

Sunday, 9:45 a. m. Church school. At 10:45, Church worship. Resuming the study of the different sects of Protestantism the subject will be, "The Quakers."

#### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH REV. JAMES I. MITCHELL

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

### Boy Scout Fund Drive Launched

Northfield was represented among the 350 workers and officials of the Hampshire-Franklin Council of Boy Scouts in the gathering last Friday evening at Holy Trinity school auditorium in Greenfield to consider and make plans for securing sufficient funds to provide for the two-year budget and camp purchase. Dr. Hugh P. Baker, president of Mass. State College, was toastmaster and after remarking that he was especially interested in the plans for development of a \$5200 council camp near Chesterfield, introduced Harold (Kid) Gore of MSC, council president. The proposed new camp will replace Camp Coolidge at North Dana which is soon to be wiped out of existence when it is flooded to become a part of the metropolitan water supply.

Mr. Gore said that the funds acquired during the campaign will be used for the construction of a new lake and the construction of a mess hall and kitchen. "We can now add to permanent equipment with the knowledge that it is for keeps," he declared.

Operating expenses for the next two years will total \$18,720 not including the \$5200 for the new camp, it was revealed by William C. Fitts of Northampton, council finance officer. He pointed out that Northampton's share of the quota will be met by the Community Chest in that city, meaning that the balance of \$16,100 will have to be obtained by the rest of the council during the present campaign.

Development of character among boys was cited by Bernard A. O'Donnell of South Deerfield as an important feature of Boy Scout work. Mr. O'Donnell is visitor of the boys' parole branch of the Massachusetts training schools. He described the organization of the Scout movement at the Lyman school in Westboro and said that of boys receiving this training only one in seven is guilty of parole violations after their release.

"If the Boy Scouts can take outcasts and turn them into clean living and clean thinking youths" he said, "what an opportunity faces you in your community among boys more fortunate."

The plans for the current campaign were outlined by James G. Trostle, national headquarters representative, after which the meeting adjourned. Dinner was served by the women of St. Joseph's guild. Music was provided by the Greenfield High School orchestra, with community singing being led by Julius S. Nelson.

Solicitation by the Northfield committee is under way here now. The local organization of Boy Scouts is in the hands of a committee appointed by the Brotherhood of the Congregational church.

### Attachment Filed

In the Registry of Deeds at Greenfield an attachment in the sum of \$2000 has been filed against John and Mary Chudzik of Northfield Farms by Charles A. Clark in the name of the Brattleboro Grain Co., in an action of contract.

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### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Holton and Chandler Holton spent last week-end on a visit in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman are at their home on the Plains road after the winter in Florida. They report a most enjoyable time but like New England and the home town best.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith and Miss Virginia T. Smith are enjoying their stay in Deland, Fla., and have fixed no definite time for their return to their home here.

Mrs. C. P. Buffum is planning to leave Orlando, Fla., where she has spent the winter and return to her home here within another week.

Mrs. G. W. Doughty of Melrose Highlands has been spending some time in Northfield on a visit with her sister and husband, Prof. and Mrs. F. L. Duley.

Hermann Hagedorn, noted author, was a visitor in town last week-end as the guest of Supt. and Mrs. L. W. Robbins at their home on Parker street.

Miss Jennie Haight has left St. Petersburg, Fla., for a visit with the "Smiths" at Orlando after which she will return to Springfield.

Mary A. Holton of Springfield is in town as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stearns at their home on Main street.

Leon Dunnell and his friend, Edward F. Viens of Greenfield, returned Monday evening from a motor trip to the south, to Southern Pines, Washington, and to Lancaster, Pa. Several days were spent at Atlantic City at the Claridge hotel. They were en-tour for ten days and report a most enjoyable time.

S. A. Norton, formerly of Mt. Hermon, and who now resides in Greenfield, was the speaker at the Men's club of the Second Congregational church there on last Sunday. His topic was upon the religions of Greece and Rome.

Thomas Parker of the senior high school class has started in commercial life with a position at the A & P store.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colton who are now residing in Springfield, spent last week-end with Mrs. Colton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colton. Mr. Colton is now employed in the Railway Mail Service at Springfield. On this account they have relinquished the positions of house parents of the Youths Hostel at Sunderland.

Rev. Elliott W. Brown, who suffered a fall downstairs at his home on Main street last week was taken to the Brattleboro hospital last Saturday for examination and treatment. It was found as a result of an X-ray that no bones were broken although he was badly bruised. He is making a satisfactory recovery.

### PERSONALS

Prof. L. J. Lawrence was unable to conduct the music at the Congregational church last Sunday owing to illness. He is much better now.

Friends of Miss Anna Miller of Jamaica, N. Y., have recently received postal greetings from her while she has enjoyed a motor tour through the South. She has been a summer resident of East Northfield for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Maydole of Concord, N. H., will visit Northfield within a week or ten days to arrange for the opening of their summer home and its later occupancy Mr. Maydole who is State Secretary of the YMCA of New Hampshire, is now retiring and they will make their permanent home in Princeton, N. J., spending the summers here as usual.

Mrs. T. R. Callender who now resides at Norwood is still quite ill. She was a former resident and has many friends here.

Emil Tanski and daughter, Margaret, of South Hadley Falls, spent last Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray.

Mrs. Bessie Symonds who is now spending some time in Washington, D. C., is expected to return to her home here the last of the month.

Mrs. Dan Sutherland who has been quite ill at her home on Parker street, is improving.

### Engagements Announced

Mrs. Bessie Symonds of Greenwood avenue announces the engagement of her daughter, Helen Woodbridge Symonds, to Herbert F. Stevens of Worcester. The wedding will take place this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Winchester road announce the engagement of their daughter Katherine Gray to Lovell Brown son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown of Millers Falls.

### Our Bowlers

The games of the County League are drawing to a close and it is now apparent that Northfield will win. The standing as of April 1, is Northfield in first place with 33 won and 15 lost; Weldon 28 won and 20 lost in second place. The Northfield team holds the high team total of 1739 and the high team single string of 635. Averages of the Northfield players are as follows: Ware 94.3, Gingras 93, Dunnell 92.4, Dale 92.1, Brown 91.8, and Porter 91.1. Wednesday evening the local team played Bernardston.

### Birds Returning

Northfield and its citizens are being treated to visits of large flocks of various kinds of birds these days with sunny skies and warmer weather in the offing. How cheery it is to hear the familiar warble, the merry chatter and note the activity of the feathered tribe.

### All-America Bridge Champions



Jacoby tops the list again, but for the first time it's featured by six women

With the close of the official contract bridge tournaments, the year's rankings have just been announced in Collier's, which every year selects the All-America champs. Jacoby, above center, was No. 1 for the third time running. Around him are grouped the six young ladies who also made the team, setting a record for feminine representation. Several other men also were ranked, but the distaff side was the feature. Those pictured are, top row (l. to r.) Mrs. R. B. Fuller, New York; Miss Barbara Collier, New York; Mrs. J. A. Faulkner, Belleville, Ont.; bottom row (l. to r.) Miss Allyne Paris, Chicago; Mrs. Ralph C. Young, Philadelphia and Mrs. W. M. Anderson, Toronto.

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## EDITORIAL

If Northfield has any problem upon its hands, it is the problem of the local school situation and by that is meant its physical and material condition. For long the public have been out of touch with the facts; caring little and not concerned. Is it no wonder then that when modern facilities and buildings are suggested they are voted down. How many of our citizens know that in reality there are only two school buildings which the town owns that have no string of encumbrance? The public should be made school conscious through proper publicity and information and the responsibility is at the door of the school committee. But more later.

Fascism and Communism are unAmerican "isms" and yet their theories are gradually gaining a foothold in our industries, in our cities and some of our educational institutions. These ideas are foreign and not a proven success except for the satisfaction of a dictator where human rights and liberty are suppressed. Who would prefer the iron hand of a Stalin in Russia, the mailed fist of a Mussolini in Italy, or the tyrannical acts of a Hitler in Germany to the freedom and democracy which ensures under the American flag. Isn't it about time America was dedicated to Americans and that those who would rend it asunder be sent to the lands which embody their ideals.

It looks as if the sensational Supreme Court issue has degenerated into a political tussle. It is most unfortunate that it was ever brought up and from polls taken of the American people by competent interests, a majority of our citizens are evidently opposed to any meddling. Born and inbred in the average American is his faith and confidence in the Supreme Court. Attack it and you shake his confidence in the affairs of government. Truly it is

the bulwark of our liberty, our freedom, and our destiny.

Whatever else may be said of the machine age it has lifted the great burden of labor off the backs of our citizens, workmen, housekeepers, and the vast army of human beings who in former days earned their bread by breaking their backs and bodies—which they called "the sweat of their brows." The machine age spells progress and progress for civilization means a better and more abundant life.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Dear Mr. Editor:

The account which you gave in last week's Press of the nomination of Rev. Dr. Charles R. Joy for the presidency of the American Unitarian association, recalls something interesting in this man's life, and at the same time registers the tremendous change which has come to the people of these United States.

Back in those years (1914-18) when the world war frenzy had seized upon almost everyone, and many in this country were "aching to get into the fight," Dr. Joy opposed the war and our entrance into that European contest; saying a better way could be used to settle the trouble. So fierce was the opposition to his peace proposal, that some of the hot-headed war enthusiasts burned Dr. Joy in effigy before his Portland, Me., Unitarian church where he had been for years their beloved pastor. Today Portland wishes to expunge that deed from its city records.

—Mary Andrews Conner

## The Back Yard Gardener

I was attending a garden lecture the other day and one topic brought up was ground cover. But my problem isn't to keep the ground covered. It's to find space to grow all of the garden plants I want.

In that case, you've got to take to the air so to speak, and so the other night, having nothing much else to do, I dug out a little book on climbing plants. The number and the different types of plants which climb certainly surprised me. For example, there are the so-called weavers, roses I guess being about the best known example. These plants stick to a lattice work or a wall because the young shoots have a tendency to grow in the darker areas so that they weave themselves in among the older wood and also grow to the back of the trellis.

Then there are the so-called lattice formers, although these are not very common. They build themselves up simply by a mass of branches. I guess about this

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neck of the woods are fuchsias and forsythias.

Twins, however, are the ones that are really interesting to watch grow. I never knew before that some of them have certain definite ways of twining. For example, the hop and the honey suckle turn clockwise or to the right, while the scarlet runner bean, the bindweeds, and Dutchman's pipe go to the left, and some plants send their shoots either way.

According to this little book, the hop shoot turns around its support quite rapidly. In fact, it is an interesting proposition to put a piece of white paper behind the tip and mark the position every few hours, and in that way you can figure its rate of change. Another interesting thing is that the smaller the support the better for most of these twiners.

Then there are the tendril bearers. Some of these tendrils are leaves, others are stem and root formations. In glorious the extended mid-rib of a leaf is the tendril. Grape tendrils are derived from flower stalks and the tendrils of gourds are like branches.

And even other climbers produce roots along their stems with which they cling to the wall, and the darker the place the better such roots usually grow. Climbing hydrangeas, English ivy, and trumpet creeper are examples of this type. Climbers are good not only where you are crowded for space, but they are the best thing in the world for cutting off unsightly views and for producing what you might call an outdoor living room.

I was surprised to find that climbers are not as harmful to a

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If a law were passed tomorrow requiring that all automobiles be painted white, the annual night-time automobile death and injury toll would take a decisive drop. In the opinion of Franklin E. Jordan, manager of the Automobile club of Boston.

Jordan contends that the solution to the automobile accident problem after dusk includes, providing contrast between vehicles and road surfaces.

"The blacker the road surface the blacker the accident record seems to be," Jordan said.

"When I drive over a black top road at night I experience practically the same sensation and feeling of uncertainty as I would if I were picking my way along the dark corridor of an unfamiliar house. However, I have observed that when the rugs or runners in these strange hallways happen to be white or gray, rather than black or blue, I am less fearful of tripping over

building as one would suppose. For example, when a wall gets well covered with vines it tends to keep it dry rather than wet.

If possible, trellises should be a foot to 18 inches away from a wall. This gives air a chance to circulate and gives you a chance to spray the back of the vine. And if you are not interested in building a trellis, you can use any good galvanized woven wire and according to my idea, plain wooden posts with the bark left on make more interesting trellises than those fancy shaped things. But then you can use your own judgment on that.

mahogany furniture and other dark objects because the floor covering contrasts with the darkness and, so to speak, silhouettes the objects.

"By the same token, whitish road surfaces contrast with the surrounding darkness, and give drivers a constant feeling of confidence in the knowledge that they know precisely the width and extremities of the road over which they are driving.

"It is quite obvious that the blackness of dark road surfaces blends with the blackness of the night, producing a more or less negative void. When these black roads are wet with rain or snow, the glare produced by the reflection of approaching headlights on the glassy surface is blinding."

Nocturnal pedestrians, particularly those attired in dark clothes, walking along black top highways, are not visible as readily to drivers as when walking on roads with whitish surfaces, according to the club executive. In this respect Jordan said: "Last year 36,800 persons were killed and 967,840 injured in automobile accidents; 16,100 of the victims were pedestrians and 3,170 or 19 per cent of them met death while walking on rural highways. In addition, 13,200 pedestrians were injured in the same manner; I'd like to know how they were dressed! Probably 80 per cent of them were wearing dark suits and overcoats!"

Jordan asserted that deaths due to automobile accidents at night increased 37 per cent in 1930 to 1935 while during the same period deaths from daylight crashes dropped 12 per cent.

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